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# The Bethel News.

VOLUME VIII.—NUMBER 34.

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1903.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

## Bargains in Winter Goods : :

In order to move our winter goods before stock taking, we have marked them at cost and many below.

Our loss is your gain if you patronize this sale. Below are a few of the money saving prices :

### FURS.

**ONE LOT \$5.00**  
These are good long fox boas and were \$7.50 now \$5.00.

**ONE LOT \$3.75**  
These are black and brown clusters, were \$5.00 and \$6.00 now \$3.75.

**ONE LOT BROWN CLUSTERS \$2.98**  
were \$3.75 now \$2.98.

**ONE LOT 1.50**  
were \$1.98, \$2.25, and \$2.75 now \$1.50.

### Children's Dresses.

Just three prices 79c, 98c, \$1.19

**One Lot 79c**  
All sizes 2 to 12 years; several colors and styles, were 98c and \$1.00 now 79c.

**One Lot 98c**  
Sizes 6 to 14 years, good colors and styles, were \$1.25 now 98c.

**One Lot \$1.19**  
Sizes 6 to 14 years, good colors styles, lined throughout, were \$1.50 now \$1.19.

### Misses Coats

**One Lot Misses' Coats \$4.50**  
These are red and castor, slot seams, were \$9.00 now \$4.50.

**One Lot Children's Coats, \$2.50**  
These are greens, blues, and browns, full length, were \$5.00 now \$2.50.

**EVERYTHING in Coats for Misses and children marked half price**

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**E. C. Vandenkerckhoven.**  
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**Mr. Prissims—"Oh, but I got taken in when I married you, you wretch!"**

**Mr. Prissims—"Yes, out of the cold."**

## THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

### ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

S. I. French was in Paris Saturday.

Don't forget the millinery sale at L. M. Stearns'.

Walter Chandler spent Sunday with his children.

Miss Cora Farwell returned to Colby College to-day.

Arthur Wiley came up from Portland Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Horace Andrews and daughter Bessie went to Lewiston Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence Allen of West Bethel, visited friends in the village Friday.

Mrs. Jordan of Locke Mills, is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Clarence Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pratt returned to their home in Oxford, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Fred Chandler and family of So. Paris, spent Sunday with Mrs. Chandler's parents.

Fortnightly supper and social in the Universalist chapel, Friday of this week. Usual prices.

Mr. L. B. Hopkins who has been spending a couple of weeks in town, went away Tuesday.

There has been no school at the Brick building for two days on account of the storm and cold.

Will Twitchell of Gorham, N.H., who has been spending some weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Ada Wright, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. O. M. Mason who has been visiting her daughter Alice in Berlin, N. H., was in town last week, enroute for Portland.

Mrs. John Yates and two children who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sidney Goodwin, returned to her home in So. Paris Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Farwell is completing the winter term of school at Greenwood City, the teacher being obliged to resign on account of the illness of her mother.

There will be no Ladies' Club Thursday but in its place the ladies will hold a Cake Sale in Garland chapel Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. The sale will not be confined to cake, but a variety of food will be found upon the tables.

The president of the Y. P. S. C. E. would like to call the attention of the members to the fact that a business meeting will be held at the home of Miss Ruby Clark, Friday evening of this week, at 7:30. This is the first meeting of the new year and a good attendance is desired.

Friends of Miss Fonti Manning will be pleased to learn that the operation for appendicitis which she underwent at the Central Maine General Hospital last week, was very successful and recovery is assured. Miss Manning was a student at Gould's Academy last year.

News has been received of the death of Miss Sarah Cummings in Worcester, Mass., Jan. 4. Miss Cummings was ill several weeks but hopes of her recovery were entertained until the last two days. For several years Miss Cummings has been the faithful missionary of the Central Congregational church, Worcester, from which funeral services were held, conducted by the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Hittcock and Rev. Mr. Merriman who was her pastor for so many years. She was beloved by a large circle of friends and perhaps none but her own family will miss her more than the poor and ministered in the spirit of the Master. She had many friends in Bethel who will deeply sympathize with the bereaved sister, Miss Mary Cummings, and will long remember her as one whose cheerful words and sunny smile always left an atmosphere of love and sunshine in the home.

Remember the social dance at Odeon Hall to-morrow night and prepare to "trip the light fantastic toe." Tickets 50 cents per couple. A good order of dances has been prepared.

At the annual meeting of the Bethel Water Co., held Jan. 5, the following officers were elected:

President—Enoch Foster.  
Treasurer—A. E. Herrick.  
Directors—Ceylon Rowe, G. A. Hastings, W. W. Hastings, E. S. Kilborn, J. F. Pringleton.  
Auditors—Ceylon Rowe and F. W. Sanborn.

The fifth and last of the entertainments given by the Village Improvement Society was given in Garland chapel last Friday evening and although the cold was biting and the traveling disagreeable the interest of the people of the village was manifested by a crowded house. Seldom do we have one within our borders who is as capable of interesting his listeners as is Mr. Stroebel; all who were present were interested from the first sentence to the last, and many whom circumstances detained from being present still regret their inability to be present. Every entertainment has been of value to our people, has been well attended, and we trust a goodly sum has been added to the treasury.

**Strict Quarantine is Enforced at the Newry Lumber Camp.**

The report that another case of small pox has developed in the lumber camp at Newry is true. The patient is a Frenchman who came into the camp the same day that Key, the first patient, left. It is reported that this disease was in the family of the patient last summer, therefore it is possible that this case did not arise from contagion with Key. The quarantine which was about to be removed has been re-imposed, the roads leading to the other camps are blockaded, no teams are permitted to haul to the river and every thing is being done to effect a complete isolation. The selectmen from Newry took lumber to the woods near the camp last Monday morning to build a pest house to which the patient will be removed as soon as it is completed. There are two men in the camp upon whom vaccination did not prove effectual, but it is thought that all the rest of the crew are in no danger. Every thing that can be done for safety is being done by the Newry officials and Dr. Sturdivant, the physician in charge.

The first patient, Placide Key, is progressing well, but will be detained until all possibility of danger is over.

**A Fire Near Bryant Pond.**

The house of Ronello C. Davis of Woodstock, located about two and one-half miles from Bryant Pond village was consumed by fire between 12 and 1 o'clock Monday morning. The stable which cornered on the house and barn across the road were saved. The house was insured for \$1,000 in the Oxford County P. O. H. Insurance Co. Some of the household furniture was saved. Quite a gathering of the neighbors was on hand to render assistance, called there by the use of the telephone, some coming as far as three and one-half miles and from the village. The town is literally covered by wires which in such cases proves of great value.

**GRAFTON.**

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Spearrin have returned from East Sumner.

J. H. Farrar is working for J. B. Brooks who is cutting pulp wood which he recently purchased of O. W. Brooks.

Miss Brown returned Monday to her work in Portland. Miss Ruth Brown accompanied her as far as Auburn where she will make a short visit.

E. C. Bowler is in Augusta on business.

Hon. J. M. Philbrook spent a few days at home last week.

Miss Joan Stearns spent the Sabbath with her parents at South Paris.

Mrs. O. F. Twitchell is caring for her son who is ill at his home in Hanover.

Miss Ruby Smith who is teaching school in Hanover, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

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**Death of Mrs. Howard Coburn.**

Mrs. Lillian F. Coburn, wife of Howard Coburn, passed away Jan. 9, after only a few days' illness, although she had been in poor health for nearly a year.

Mrs. Coburn was a very estimable young woman, always pleasant and obliging, ready to extend a helping hand in time of need; she was a very devoted wife and loving mother, and none knew her but to love her. The funeral services were held at her home on Paradise street Sunday, at 12 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. E. Barton.

The body of the deceased reposed in a white casket, almost buried beneath a profusion of hot house flowers, the fresh brightness of which relieved somewhat the gloom of the occasion, but there were few dry eyes in the gathering of many people.

Rev. Mr. Barton's words were full of comfort and cheer. During the service Miss Jane Gibson sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Nearer My God to Thee." Miss Agnes Barton was organist. The body was taken to the family lot in Evergreen cemetery. The bearers were Eddie Hutchins, Frank Robertson, Guy Holmes, and James Seavey.

Among the floral offerings were a pillow and wreath of hyacinths and violets from her husband, twenty-eight white pinks representing her age, from Mrs. Nellie Cross, twenty-eight white roses from Mrs. Nora Merrill, bouquet of pinks given by Mrs. Tena Bennett, a bouquet of roses from her brother, Charles Stearns of Boston, a basket of roses from Mr. Robert T. Percy. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jodrey gave pinks and smilax, and there were many other cut flowers from friends and neighbors.

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**G. A. Fair.**

The Annual Fair and supper of Gould's Academy will occur in Garland chapel, Friday afternoon and evening, Jan. 23.

This year marks a departure from the usual order, in that the evening's entertainment will be given as a separate event at a later date.

Preparations are now going on for transforming Garland chapel into a veritable Gould's Guild and each class of the school is busily plotting and soliciting for its particular booth.

Under the supervision of the Seniors will be displayed a table of fancy articles, while the Juniors by way of contrast, will offer useful, practical wares. The Sophomores with pictures of all kinds and sizes will make an irresistible appeal to the artistic and aesthetic, in patrons, and the Freshmen, making their first public appearance, will offer some delicious home-made candies. As usual, the table for the Alumni will confine itself to no one specialty, and for this reason will offer many attractions.

From 6 to 7 o'clock supper will be served in the dining-room of the chapel, followed by a short program, consisting of musical selections, readings, and a pantomime, in the parlor.

The very modest price of twenty-five cents pays for both entertainment and supper, for those who can attend both, and only a dime is asked for the attractive little program offered, if anyone should be able to attend the entertainment only.

Every effort is being made to make this event of the school equal to that of previous years, and all the friends of the Academy are hereby cordially invited to come and to patronize us in their usually liberal way.

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**Notice.**

As there seems to be some misunderstanding among the patrons of the Bethel postoffice concerning the rental of boxes, and the collection of box rent, I would most respectfully call the attention of the public to the following regulations hoping thus to do away with any dissatisfaction which may exist in regard to the matter:

1. Patrons of a postoffice are not required to rent boxes unless they desire to do so.

2. The rate of rental for boxes is fixed by the First Assistant Postmaster General, and postmasters must not change existing rates.

3. Box rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the whole quarter, but no longer, and if a box holder fails to pay his rental within ten days after the beginning of a quarter, the box shall be declared vacant and offered for rent, and the mail be placed in the general delivery.

4. At the expiration of the time allowed for collecting box rent, the whole amount due must be paid over to the Department, and if a postmaster allows box rents to remain uncollected beyond the fixed limit, such act is considered a direct offence against the government, and is liable to call forth a severe reprimand upon said postmaster, who in any case is obliged to pay the amount due on unpaid boxes from his private funds.

It will be seen from the above that all money collected for box rents is paid over to the Department, and does not, as has been suggested, go into the postmaster's pocket.

If a box holder pays his rental before the tenth day of the quarter, he need not be subjected to what some have been pleased to call the "indignity of receiving a personal duu," but in case he fails to do so, the postmaster must use the form provided for this purpose.

I am obliged to observe the laws of the Postoffice Department, even though they conflict with the pleasure of individuals.

To the many whom I have found to be always considerate and courteous in the extreme, I extend my sincere thanks, and I would further say that in any case where I can accommodate the people in any reasonable way without breaking the fixed laws of the government, it shall be as it has been in the past, my pleasure to do so.

J. C. BILLINGS, postmaster.

**Bethel Water Company.**

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Bethel Water Company held on Jan. 5, the following resolution was passed:

"On motion, voted that the thanks of the directors be extended G. A. Hastings who has declined a re-election as Superintendent, for the able and conscientious manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Company since its organization."

Mr. Hastings has been Superintendent of the Company since its formation about 12 years ago, and absolutely declined re-election.

**Reward.**

A reward of \$25 is offered for the detection and conviction of the person or persons who broke into the gate house of the Bethel Water Co. and damaged its property.

BETHEL WATER CO.  
3w3d By A. E. Herrick, Sec.

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Rolled into place as a result of our annual stock taking now in progress. Do You Want One? Are you ready to fulfill that promise (to yourself) of long ago? If you'll think seriously, you must decide that the time and chance you've waited for is here. As we stated there are just 36 Bargains:—Each is a pattern of upholstery or shape of frame that will not be run again, consequently, we put the price to where there need be no argument, having only the one thing in mind, viz.: to move out just three dozen of these couches quickly. There is a liberal showing of all desirable upholsteries in the assortment, practically all colors are seen, too.

**A Few Suggestions Only : : :**

**Mohair Plush Couches**  
In three colors, \$13.50

**Velour Couches,**  
Extra wide, nicely tufted, curved foot, \$14.00

**Solid Oak Frame**  
Olive Pantasote Couch, \$25.00

**Another Pantasote**  
Upholstered Couch, carved frame, and wide, \$31.00

**Genuine Leather**  
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## GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect Dec. 7, 1902.

## TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.30	3.09
Gilead,	...	8.35	3.33
West Bethel,	...	8.47	3.44
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lockes Mills,	...	9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	5.30	9.30	4.43
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30	5.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	A. M. P. M.		
Boston, via boat,	12.45	4.10	3.00

## TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	5.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.33	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.25	4.10	9.18
Lockes Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.26
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.46
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.53
Gorham,	11.33	5.40	10.25

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	1.00
Montreal,	6.50	...	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	...	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	...	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M., East and 9.37 P. M., West, run every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M., and at Berlin 11.15 A. M. Returning leave Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05 P. M.

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Shoe Dressings of all kinds.  
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and see  
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that is

good to eat.

if you don't see what you want,  
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## MASTER and SLAVE

By... T. H. THORPE.

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The gait of Quilbert's steed was not lowered from a run until, throbbing and covered with foam, he was halted at his stable. Quilbert took no chances with the clock, but at once proceeded to the cablu where lay the emaciated, sinking, faintly breathing jockey. Producing the gleaming fillet, he stretched it over the closed eyes and sunken temples of the seemingly dying man and on their lives charged the awed negroes in attendance to see that there it remained till morning.

Leon slept fitfully through the night. At break of day he awoke from delirium, Odette and freedom to consciousness, Quilbert and shackles.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## ARTICLE 3510.

THE cooling air of November had checked the fruiting of the cotton plant and quickened the sweetening of the sugar cane. The harvesting of the one was ending, of the other about to begin, when a small company came together at "L'Esperance" upon Oakfell's invitation. Though not numerous, it reliably represented the best sentiment of the parish—Baldouine and Brulleton from lower Bayou des Glaisses, Milleschaze and Colmesnotte from Borodino and Mouvaillu, Jewett and Fyrth from Bayous Boeuf and Huffpover, Bizet and Dufosse from Cocoville, Valsin Moullier from Bayou du Lac, Father Grhe from Mansura. A truly satisfying dinner, topped by venison and mallard ducks, had maintained the good fame of the Oakfell board, and the servants being withdrawn by Mrs. Wyley, guests and host, over their coffee, considered the case of the jockey Leon.

Briefly and clearly Oakfell stated the result of his examination of the law and the facts. In proof of Quilbert's guilty knowledge that he had not even the shadow of a claim of ownership, he read this extract from a certified copy of the deed signed by him and Poydre, the agent of the heirs of Queyrenze: "The oldest son of the said negress Olive, called Leon, is not included in the present sale, a condition without which the present sale would not take place and is void if the purchasers disregard it." And, as establishing Leon's right to freedom, he cited the article 3510 of the civil code:

"If a master suffer a slave to enjoy his liberty for 10 years during his residence in the state or for 20 years while out of it, he shall lose all right of action to recover possession of the slave unless the slave be a runaway or fugitive."

"This provision of the law," said Oakfell, "the distinct exception in the act of sale and Quilbert's perjury in entrapping the unsuspecting boy have determined me, gentlemen, to institute suit in behalf of Leon for freedom, and I have felt that I should declare my purpose to those friends and neighbors whose judgement and esteem I value most."

All looked to Baldouine, who after a moment of silent thought confidently spoke their response:

"Your resolution increases our respect for you. Quilbert is a shameless demoralizer, an evil influence in the community. His chief gains have notoriety been from gambling and usury. His instincts are low, and his practices are scandals hurtful to our young men. This theft of a man from

himself is the crowning disgrace he has put upon our parish. In undertaking to thwart and rebuke him you do a true service to the good people of Avoyelles. Mr. Oakfell, and shall have the support of all of us here."

"Not only our support, Mr. Horace," exclaimed Valsin, "but our protection also."

"The danger is not to me, but to Leon," Oakfell replied. "I fear that Quilbert will kill him outright in the rage into which the suit will throw him."

"Then," said Fyrth, whose presidency over sessions of the lynch court in the early days of the state had made his name a dread to evildoers and whose countenance testified a terrible courage, "he must in advance be warned that he cannot live 12 hours in Avoyelles afterward, and I suggest the

priest as the proper person to notify him. Do you object, sir?" addressing Father Grhe.

"I do not," replied the latter, and the party dispersed.

As prearranged by Oakfell, the sheriff, charged with the service of the legal processes, called at the house of Father Grhe, and the latter accompanied him on the visit to Quilbert. They found him at a sharp bend in the public road skirting the Bayou Rouge, seated upon his horse and conversing with Laure Lanneau, sole occupant of her grandmother's exaggerated huggy, to which was harnessed the colossal mule. Coming suddenly upon the two, they saw the girl quickly snatch from Quilbert's hand a small watch and long golden chain, and furtively bestow them under the seat of the vehicle and were amazed at her confused efforts to recover the loosened reins and drive on before they spoke.

"Pray do not be disturbed at this interruption of your tete-a-tete, mademoiselle," said the sheriff, doffing his hat. "I have but to deliver these papers to M. Quilbert and be off, with apologies for the intrusion." And he handed the documents to Quilbert, who received them mechanically, without so much as looking at the large written characters indorsed upon them.

"Before reading those papers, M. Quilbert, allow me to speak with you," said Father Grhe, riding near him and in an undertone communicating the particulars of the meeting at "L'Esperance" and the warning in the words of Fyrth.

In the struggle to suppress his anger Quilbert's face was that of a demon. It became knotted with swollen veins; his bloodshot eyes glared like a bated brute's; his heavy lips, though tightly pressed together, shook like storm swept waves of a maddy stream, and his fingers convulsively worked the papers they clutched into a crumpled and shapeless lump. Father Grhe turned his eyes away from the revolting spectacle, but Laure gazed upon it fascinated.

"The cowardly crooks join the bullying Americans in threatening a Frenchman with lynch law, and you, monsieur priest, are their herald, eh? That is the case?" at length Quilbert muttered hoarsely.

"It will only aggravate the situation to use insulting adjectives," answered Father Grhe. "Those citizens have but adopted a heroic mode of forestalling a possible and deplorable outcome of an appeal to the law in humanity's cause, and I have borne their message in the hope of preventing two murders. Mlle. Lanneau, you seem to have the confidence of M. Quilbert." He accompanied these words with a significant look at the girl. "Advise him against his dangerous impulses."

Her face was instantly aflame, and her eyes became orbs of wrath, but she made no audible reply nor returned the howl of the priest and sheriff as they rode away.

"You see, my little Gasconne," said Quilbert, "what flows from a combination of maudlin hysteria of the Estelle Latiolais type and abolition ambition and avarice of the Oakfell brand."

"The Horace Oakfell brand, you mean," Laure retorted sharply. "M. Evariste, I am sure, has no part in these doings."

"So, so!" mused Quilbert aloud, as if detecting something, yet doubting whether the discovery pleased him. "Not M. Evariste, eh? Ah! Well, let us see. Estelle, yes. Oakfell, yes. But not M. Evariste; no? She has lost her reason on Oakfell, but not M. Evariste, eh? And I have thought he was praying at her church!"

"Not so. I do not believe a word of it," snapped Laure.

"Nor I now. I must have been misled by the frequency of his visits at the Latiolais house." Observing that Laure's vexation was approaching the limit of restraint, he adventurously gave his comments another direction. "My hatred of the one made it too easy for me to do injustice to his half brother. I should have remembered that Evariste has French blood. His grandfather was a grand rascal of '93. Estelle's great-grandfather was a grand gentleman of '89. There should be more puissant sympathy between him and the true Gasconne maid than between him and the simpering descendant of a supercilious and skipping emigre. We may have a friend in the enemy's camp."

"But the warning must be heeded," Laure said.

"For the present, yes," Quilbert reluctantly assented; "but my day will come."

"If you prudently employ those days which lie between,"

"You know my race."

"Yes."

"That is enough." And with a stinging blow of the whip Laure started the big mule into a swinging trot toward the junction of the bayous. Recouping the point where the road cut the levee and wound down a soft, steep bank to the narrow bridge at the crossing, she beheld Evariste on the other side riding briskly out of the swamp from the direction of the prairie, and, though she could well have passed over the stream before him, she chose to halt at the wa-

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ter's edge and await him, unseen from her grandmother's cottage. He had not observed her when he emerged from the forest, nor was he aware of her presence until he had begun the descent of the almost sheer declivity with apparent recklessness, but with justified confidence in the sure footed beast that bore him. Checking his horse at the bridge's approach and saluting Laure laughingly, he said:

"Apres vous, mademoiselle."

"No, M. Evariste; pass over to this side. I have something to say to you," she replied, and in a moment he was at her buggy's wheel.

"Tell me," said she, "what is the meaning of this persecution of M. Constant? Is it neighborly? Is it not abolitionist?"

"I have no part in the business, believe me," he answered. "It is not the sort of thing to interest me. My brother affects philosophy, humanitarianism, altruism and other isms which appeal to his emotional nature, but which have no charm for me, and it seems he has undertaken the affair as a knight of old would sally forth to chop the head off a dragon."

"To win a fair lady," Laure furnished the conclusion from her reading of the Trouveres in the old books sent to her grandmother by the brother who had served the emperor in Egypt.

"I do not comprehend, mademoiselle," said Evariste. "Who can be the fair lady of this exploit?"

"Estelle Latiolais." She shot the name at him, intently watching his face. It flushed; his eyes were pale. But, forcing a smile, he answered:

"You are but guessing, mademoiselle. Horace has not seen Mlle. Latiolais since she went away to the convent near four years ago."

"It is you who guess, and badly. The grandchild of the doctress needs not to guess. Attend to me. The night Leon ran away he went to your brother, sent by Estelle, with her request that he would procure the rogue's freedom. At the very moment M. Constant was leathering the wretch as he deserved your brother was pressing the hand of Estelle Latiolais passionately in his and pledging himself to the scheme for her sake."

"How can you have knowledge of these things?" His eyes and voice betrayed agitation.

"How can you be ignorant of them who see your brother every day and the lady but little less often?" She saw her advantage.

"This is no answer, mademoiselle," he said peevishly.

"If I could feel under duty," said Laure, sighing, and, catching a warmer look in the young man's eyes, she added with an air of trusting frankness: "But I will tell you, M. Evariste, how I know, for, though I have not convent education and accomplishments, I am not one to smile and conceal, pretend and deceive. Know, then, that old Olive, Leon's mother, comes frequently to my grandmother and to her has told these things as she learned them from Odette, the maid of Estelle. They are true. No one dares lie to the doctress."

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"Probably, I thank you, mademoiselle. Good night." The young man raised his hat with his right hand as he tightened the bridle with his left.

"But!" exclaimed Laure, as if to stay him; then, suddenly changing her purpose, amiably repeated "Good night, monsieur," and, crossing the bridge, toiled slowly up one bank, while Evariste's horse bounded up the other like a chamois over an Alpine wall.

He gave bridle and spur to the fleet animal, whose speed was timed to the storm that raged within his breast. His brows were drawn downward and together, and from under them his eyes looked fiercely, but saw only the images created by his frenzy. He could but believe that his frequent visits and warmth of manner had plainly notified to Estelle his passion, though it was as yet undeclared in speech, and the ostentatious suavity of her reception of him, as he now regarded it, was sufficient warrant for confidence that his devotion was acceptable. His brother's patronizing munificence and studied show of candor had lulled him into a sense of security against any possible clash between their desires. Yet those two had met on a memorable day. An arduous task had been imposed by her and taken up by him, which necessarily implied reciprocal regard and trust, reward of the tenderest nature and the hope thereof. Their hands had clasped, and he, for the guardian of her favor, had set forth in a venture perilous alike to his life and his political prospects.

Only a perfect understanding of the most ardent character could explain all this, so skillfully hidden from him. Horace, taking advantage of his (Evariste's) dependence in fortune, was ruthlessly trampling his heart underfoot, for he could not but have known his love for Estelle. Should he submit to be thus ignored in that which was most vital to his happiness? Would life in such submission be worth living? No! a thousand times no! Horace boasted American bravery. Evariste would meet it with a trait, inherited from his ancestor, which had contributed to deepen the red of the French revolution. The unguiled courage of his brother was a dolt; his own talent was a patient, calculating engineer. He would await the proper time for its employment, and the effect would be the horrid crash of all that had been built on his wrongs. This was the first shadow that had fallen upon his life, and his soul surged darkly as a tempest tossed sea when the winded horse stopped at the gate of the Oakfell home. Seeing Horace advance toward him, he gave the command of "Gloster—Divide, thoughts, down to my soul! Here Clarence comes!" and greeted his brother with a smile.

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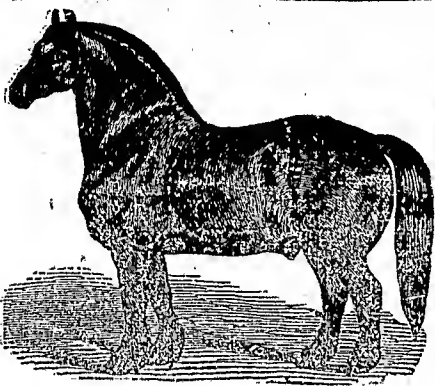
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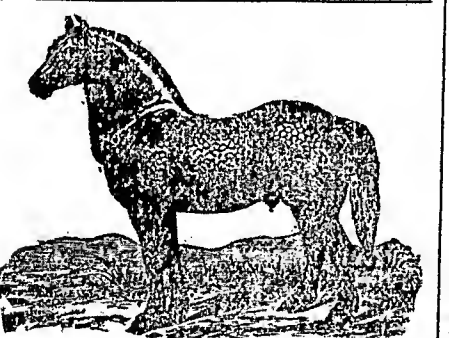
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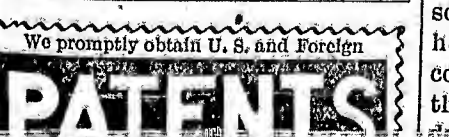
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where?"

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Be regular and keep in time.

"Good wives, like echoes, still should  
do,  
Speak but when they are spoken to;  
But not like echoes most absurd  
Have forever the last word."

### Friendship.

We daily meet with people whom we call our friends, but are they? Do your pulses throb on meeting them, do you sorrow at their departure? Not until then can you truly take to yourself that sacred name, and only then as you are disinterested in their coming and going for any personal gain. It is only the heart's love that holds people together, money, fame and power will pass away, but he who has loved once has loved for eternity. Boast not of your love, say not it is too strong to be broken, await the test. And the highest, greatest test of true friendship is falseness. Let your friend for some reason, though it be not a valid one, ask to have the tie broken, will you be bitter, angry or heartbroken? Ah, that is the test and love that fails at this is a very shallow thing at best. Tears strengthen love, and though the heart sobs in its agony of grief, the love remains as deep and true as ever.

Friendship, too, means depth of feeling. It is not a mere liking for a person, it is the love that daily deepens, so that when one is parted from his friend, he is the more anxious to see him again. It means, to a certain extent, the revealing of ourselves, not alone by actions, but by words, for we are joined "heart to heart" and speak to one another with all barriers of time and place removed. Friendship means the helping of one another, not only by little acts of kindness, but by our lives, and that is of prime importance, for if our hearts are right the acts will flow forth of themselves. It is often the unspoken thought and word that most influence our lives. How we are cast down or thrilled through and through by a glance, a word, a gesture! Those who least realize it are those usually who excite us to our noblest and best, and for whom we would do anything, and from whom we dread nothing as much as that they should have even a shade of disappointment in us, or a hint of disapproval in our course. Methinks many a person has reason to bow down in humble adoration to the love of such persons as those who fill us with unspeakable love, mingled deeply with honor and admiration, for we can never love a person who has not at first our admiration. Friendship's tie is eternal, nothing can break its bonds; if it is true, nothing can retard the flow of love from heart to heart, nothing can limit its powers or possibilities. It is the essence of God, and but an expression of the love of One who sticketh closer than a brother.

### Planning the Housework.

A woman who would have her household machinery move smoothly should, if possible, do most of her planning over night for the work which must be done the following day. Very often a considerable share falls on a special day each week, and there will be a number of little extra things to do. For these she must plan, so they will not all crowd upon her at once. On such a day the cooking and clearing away of the evening meal can be entirely done away with. The good housewife can, with a little foresight, plan a picnic supper of sandwiches, cookies and fruit, and little wooden plates and paper napkins can be used. If there are children in the house they will enjoy it much more than the regular meal.

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In planning and estimating a day's work some allowance should always be made for interruptions, and for the work taking longer than was anticipated. With too many "irons in the fire," such hindrances as a visitor, or having to console a crying child in some little trouble, make it difficult to maintain that calm, sweet temper, which is necessary to the woman who is not merely the mainspring of the machinery of the household, but its good angel who makes it home indeed to all that dwell there.

### The Humorous Side of Life.

The ability to see the humorous side of a domestic hardship, and to smile, when the first impulse is to scold or cry, is one of the most fortunate possessions of a house-mother, and has saved the situation for her many and many a time. What threatened to be tragedy, or, at the least, melodrama, has resolved itself into pure comedy; and the recital of it, in the new phase in family conclaves has been a source of unalloyed mirth, when, had it been presented as it first appeared, it would have cast a pall over every spirit.

One goes out of a fun-loving family in a better mood to meet the troublesome side of life. The memory of the laughter, the gay good nature and the cheer of the breakfast table, the genuine good-morning that makes all day good; helps one over many a hard spot; and, while it does not take from the seriousness of a really grave situation, it gives one courage to meet it more bravely and to face it more steadfastly.

Then the thought of the homecoming savors all the day. One anticipates dropping the cares and

anxieties of business life, forgetting the worries and vexations that come to any one employed in any field of labor, and enjoying the good time that will accompany the meeting at dinner. This very anticipation shortens the longest day, and helps over the most troublesome places. One knows that he must bring something out of his own experience, or from his observation, to contribute to the general fund of merry-making. So the eyes are alert to catch the odd things that happen, and the brain is active to put them in attractive shape for relation.

It is the greatest mistake one can possibly make,—all one's best for the outside world, and reserving it from those nearest and dearest, and consequently the most appreciative, giving only silence and reserve in place of gay conversation and amusing narration.

There should be one steadfast principal governing, and one inviolable rule followed, in a fun-making; and that is, that no sacred subject should be touched in spirit of jest. The present age is too prone to irreverence, and there is not enough respect shown to persons in exalted stations nor to sacred themes.—Boston Cooking School.

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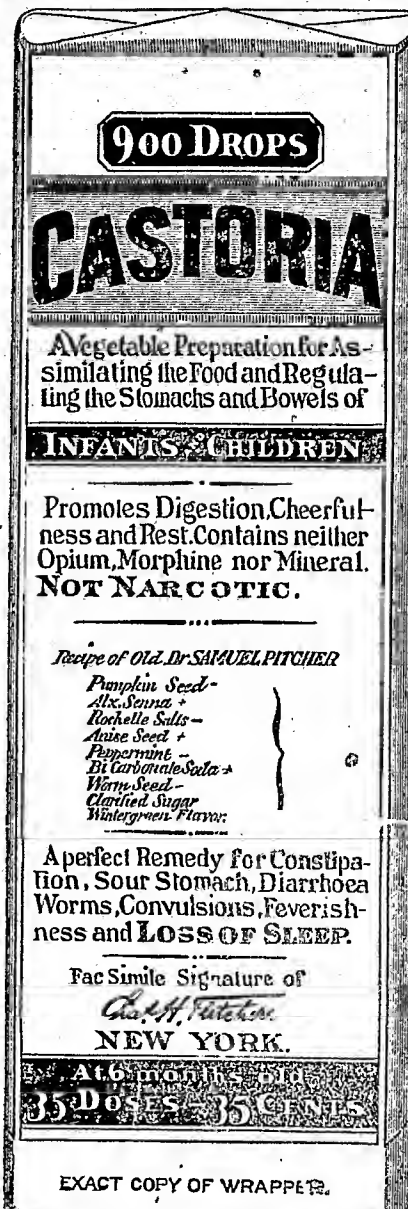
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14, 1903.

## Governor's Message.

In this week's issue of the News the Governor's message appears in full; it contains very much information which ought to be read and to which thought should be given by every intelligent citizen. It touches upon some amendments of the ballot law, which so many voters misinterpret; attention is called to the temperance question; the question of public schools receives its share of attention, also the tax laws, savings banks, the prosperity of the farmers and other topics that are worthy of and need public attention.

It is expected there will be a large attendance in the Hall of Representatives to-day, when the House Committee on Elections will be given a hearing on the remonstrance of J. R. Little, Geo. B. Haskell, and Stephen J. Kelley against the seating of A. M. Garcelon, Frank A. Morey, and Michael A. Coyne as representatives from Lewiston. A lively time is expected, as both sides in the controversy have party friends on the committee.

In the making up of the various committees Oxford county did not take a back seat. Hon. John M. Philbrook, senator from Bethel, was placed on four good ones viz: State Prison, Agriculture, bills in second reading, and chairman of the committee on towns. The Hon. Waldo Pettingill, representative from Rumford, has the House chairmanship of the all-important committee on appropriations and financial affairs, also on the committee on interior waters. Mr. George J. Parrott of Oxford, is on salaries and manufactures. Mr. Hiram R. Hubbard of Paris, is given a place on claims, pensions, ways and means and the Governor's message. Mr. Albert R. Hill of Brownfield, looks after fish and game. Mr. Elliott W. Howe of Canton, is a member of the committee on taxation. Mr. Silas F. Peaslee of Upton, goes on to State lands and State roads. Mr. Bernard G. McIntyre of Watford, is on the committee on Indian affairs, on public buildings and public grounds, and on the Maine State Year Book.

## Resolutions.

Mt. Abram Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F. Whereas our Heavenly Father in his mysterious providence has removed by death another of the members of our Lodge in the person of our brother, Joseph S. Mason, we deem it but just that we pay a fitting tribute to him whose life we shall cherish in our memory. Therefore be it:

Resolved: That while we bow in submission to the Infinite decree, we do not the less mourn the loss of our brother.

Resolved: That in the death of our dear brother we have lost a good citizen, a kind neighbor, and a worthy member of our lodge.

Resolved: That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the afflicted family in this bereavement.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, also that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy to the Bethel News for publication.

F. E. BARTON,  
S. I. FRENCH,  
THOMAS KENDALL, } Committee.  
Bethel, Me., Jan. 10, 1903.

## STATE NEWS.

Merriman Block, Livermore Falls, was destroyed by fire Monday, loss \$50,000.

There are 35 cases of varioloid at Presque Isle. Several new cases have appeared at Biddeford.

Boys fishing in the river at So. Paris, recently took out a pickerel 27 inches long that weighed 5 lbs., 2 oz.

Edouard St. Pierre of Lewiston, a retired prize fighter, was arrested Monday, for the robbery of Frank Reynolds.

Old Town is deliberating the offer of a \$10,000 library by Carnegie, wondering if it can afford the \$1000 a year to support it.

The Lewiston city council Thursday evening unanimously passed an order petitioning Congress to repeal the duty on coal and beef.

A company has been formed with a capitalization of \$10,000 for the purpose of pushing a preparation for clarifying and settling coffee, the invention of a bright Rockland man.

Gov. John F. Hill and family have moved into their new \$250,000 mansion in Augusta. This will be the centre of social life during the legislative session.

One night recently when Stahel Curtis of Monroe went to the barn to care for his cattle, he found the body of his father, Jonathan Curtis, hanging from a beam. Life had been extinct some time.

The Waterville Board of Health reports over 100 cases of typhoid fever in that city, with the number constantly increasing. There have been several deaths, and residents are becoming much alarmed. Augusta reports over thirty cases.

Of the college men in the Legislature, this winter, Bowdoin claims eight; Bates, six; Colby, five; Harvard, three; U. of M., two; Amherst, two; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, two; and Yale, Tufts, Dartmouth, Brown, Wesleyan, Boston University, and University of Vermont, one each.

Winslow is one of the richest towns in the State. By the returns for 1902, it is shown that Winslow stands tenth on the list of towns, and at the present rate of increase, she will not be long in overhauling several of those above her. Her valuation is more than one-third as much as that of Waterville. No wonder that city is trying to annex her.

Lumber has been Bangor's mainstay this year, the log cut of 210,000,000 feet last winter, having been all driven to boom, and, with the exception of a fair stock carried over for next spring's sawing, has been manufactured into lumber or pulp. Prices of logs have been higher than ever before in the history of the industry, \$15 and \$17 per thousand having been realized, compared with \$9 and \$11 per thousand a few years ago.

Silas Manson of Houlton, Me., recently visited Boston to meet two men who were going to sell him \$10,000 of counterfeit money at twenty-five cents on a dollar. The men were met, the goods displayed, the money paid and Silas was in possession of the \$10,000. The sharks, on one pretense or another, tried to get the money again, but Silas hung on to it, and after knocking the men down got away.

Few people know that the State laws provide a safe keeping place for wills, but this is a fact. Any person making a will is at liberty to seal it in an envelope on which is written the name of the person to whom it is to be delivered after the death of the testator, and leave it at the office of the Register of Probate. When a will is so deposited a receipt is given and this receipt can be left in one's desk, or put wherever desired. If at any time a testator so desires, he can withdraw the will by presenting the receipt. These wills are kept secure from prying eyes in the county vault.

## Mother

"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured."  
D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y.

No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. It's too risky to wait until you have consumption. If you are coughing today, get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1. All druggists.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There are at work 456 more foreign missionaries than one year ago.

Pope Leo has bequeathed to the Catholic church his 32,000 jubilee presents, valued at \$2,500,000. It paid him to grow old.

Professor Bell has made a kite solid enough and buoyant enough to carry a man, or an engine strong enough to propel it. We may go "kiting" through the air, after all.

Another case is to be sent to the Hague, the French claims against Guatemala. The International Court of Arbitration will soon need the placard "Standing room only."

Fatma Sing Hipoo who has just died, was twenty-two years old, weighed fifteen pounds, and was twenty-eight inches high. There are "smaller" persons in the world, but not that way.

A wealthy man of Paris has given a sum of money sufficient to found a scholarship for two French students to spend a year at the University of Chicago. The Old World is looking this way for its new ideas.

Denmark now compels the saloon-keeper who sells the "last glass" to a tipsy man to pay for a carriage to take him home, and also to foot the bill if the drunken man does any damage or needs medical treatment.

The death of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, in her home at Los Angeles, removes a woman whose courage and devotion were a large factor in the achievements that made her husband, Gen. John C. Fremont, one of the most popular American leaders.

Consul Fowler, our representative at Ningpo, China, has received remarkable evidences of the Chinese good will to himself and to America, including the gift of three magnificent silver vases, China is learning who are her real friends.

Not content with triumphs in wireless telegraphy, Marconi announces that he has perfected an electric motor car to run at the rate of about thirty-eight miles an hour, and capable of making a distance of 560 miles by the aid of four storage batteries.

In Elmira Reformatory the wardens go unarmed, but some of the prisoners are allowed to carry weapons. This paradox is due to the parole system which gives inmates and privileges to the men who earn them by good conduct. Trust makes "trusties."

Congressman-Elect Van Duzer of Nevada, will come to Washington as the result of a campaign which has extended over many years. He was a lawyer in Washington many years ago. He was doing well in his profession, but suddenly conceived the idea that he would like a seat in Congress. Then he looked around for a constituency and selected Nevada. There are about 15,000 voters in Nevada and Mr. Van Duzer has made the personal acquaintance of every one of them.

The station at Vanceboro, just completed by the Maine Central Railroad is a handsome structure 210 feet long and 39 feet wide.

The plague which is raging in different parts of Mexico does not yield to the new sanitary precautions and medical treatment. Several deaths have occurred, and new cases are rapidly appearing.

The largest amount ever paid for a musical composition was paid for the instrumental piece, "Hiawatha" by the Whitney-Warner Publishing Co. This is the composition of Nell Moret, and is not only very beautiful but decidedly practical.

During the reception to Secretary Moody and Senator Hale at Annapolis, Monday afternoon, the horses attached to their carriage ran away, throwing Secretary Moody out and bruising him some. Mrs. Hale, wife of Senator Hale, received the following telegram: Secretary Moody is all right. Nothing serious in his case. I was not in the slightest degree injured.

What to Make of the Boy. There is an old Lancashire custom of putting a number of articles before a child and prophesying by the article which the child touches what he may become.

The story goes of a Lancashire man who was at his wife's end to decide what to do with his offspring. So he placed on a table a sword, a Bible, an apple and a box of pills. If the child touched the first he was to be a soldier, the second a clergyman, the third a greengrocer and the last a doctor. It was a somewhat heterogeneous mess of professions, true enough, but it offered the advantage of a wide range of choice. After the experiment was over he met a boon friend.

"Well, Jimmy, how did it get on?" asked the friend. "Did he take the sword or—"

"He took the lot, so I'm goin' to make him a lawyer."

Burglary in England. Burglary cannot be committed in the daytime. The English rule is that if there is light enough to see the face of the intruder there is no burglary. This, however, does not include moonlight, for a housebreaker entering after night-fall, however brightly the moon may be shining, is legally a burglar—that is, if it is reasonably certain that he has entered with the intent to commit felony, for while a tramp breaking into a house to sleep may be a housebreaker he is not in the proper sense of the word a burglar. Burglary, however, may consist in breaking out as well as breaking in, for one who hides in a house before nightfall to steal and after stealing breaks out to get away is just as much a burglar as he who to effect his purpose breaks in.

Where "Sterling" Came From. Sterling signifies money from the legal standard of coinage of Great Britain. According to one theory, the term originated as follows: It is a corruption of Easterling, a person from north Germany, on the continent of Europe, and therefore from the east in geographical relation to England. The Easterlings were ingenious artisans who came to England in the reign of Henry III. to refine the silver money, and the coin they produced was called moneta Easterlingorum, the money of the Easterlings.

Her Station. A little boy and girl were playing at trains, says the Western Mail, and the boy was calling out all the station names he knew. The first stop was Cardiff, the second Newport, the third Swansea, and then he paused for a name. At last, with a rush, he came out triumphantly with "Heaven!" "Top," cried the sister. "I think I'll det out here."

The Faithful Retainer. "Why do you always refer to your valet as your 'retainer'?" "Because he always keeps everything he finds."—Portsmouth News.

## HANOVER.

The supper and social given by the Library Association last Wednesday night was well attended.

Mrs. Etta Bean of East Bethel, was in town last week, dressmaking.

Miss Ruby Smith spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Bethel.

Ed Billings who cut his foot badly, has so far recovered as to be driving one of Frank Russell's popular teams.

Roy Jordan and Sidney Foss made a short visit to their homes in Cape Elizabeth last week.

Agnes Brown, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Arthur Brown, has diphtheria, but is reported to be quite comfortable at the present time. A son, Arthur, Jr., has just recovered from the same disease.

O. E. Twitchell is on the sick list. His mother, Mrs. O. F. Twitchell of Bethel, is caring for him.

## DISTURBED SLEEP

## IN CHILDHOOD

If a child is restless in the night, starting suddenly from sleep, tossing about the bed, grinding the teeth—growing thin and listless, apparently from loss of rest—the trouble is worms. A few doses of that famous old remedy,

## TRUE'S PIN WORM ELIXIR

will expel the worms, and cure the diseased conditions, causing the child to sleep well at night, and, naturally, give it a bright and cheerful disposition throughout the day. Dr. True's Pin Worm Elixir is a purely vegetable remedy that would not harm the most delicate child even if it had no worms. In use 50 years. Sold at stores generally, 35 cents. Booklet on Children and Their Diseases free. Write us for it.

Dr. J. E. TRUE & CO., Auburn, Me.

Special treatment for Tape Worms. Send for pamphlet.

## MILLINERY BARGAINS

Trimmed Velvet Hats, \$2.00 and \$3.00  
Trimmed Felt Hats, \$1.00 and \$1.50  
Ready-to-wear Hats, 75c and \$1.00  
Outing Hats, 37c, 50c, and 75c

If in need of a hat, come early, as they will soon be gone, at these very low prices.

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MAIN ST., BETHEL, ME.

A choice line of  
Dry and Fancy Goods,

Choice Groceries, Boots and Shoes.

Agent for Butterick Patterns.

G. P. BEAN,

Cor. Church and Main Streets, BETHEL, MAINE.

## Books and Bookshelves.

Books have had many appreciative tributes from the master minds of all ages. One phase of their usefulness that appeals in a very practical manner to homemakers is the help they give in furnishing the house. When this fact becomes more generally recognized and better understood, there will be a freer and more generous distribution of books through all the different rooms. A room filled with books of reference, sets of standard authors and collections of miscellaneous writings is too exclusively a literary workshop for the ordinary household. It is better adapted for the use of the professional worker, who must isolate himself among surroundings and with appliances that will carry him forward in his career. The charm of the modern living room is its informal concentration of the family interests. Books, magazines and papers may form a large share of the attractive qualities of this room. A corner for writing may be established with a table or desk well lighted for evening use. Shelves for the books may be built against the walls or hung from the picture molding. Small stands for holding magazines and comfortable chairs drawn near the windows will add to the pleasures afforded by reading, while the books themselves form a specific part in beautifying the room. —Delineator.

## Wisdom of Actresses.

No class of women preserve their youthful appearance as well as actresses. Why? Because youth and good looks are part of their stock in trade and a knowledge of their methods of preservation is absolutely necessary. Then they are wise enough to use that knowledge to its fullest capacity, because their success depends upon it. In preparing for every performance the skin of face, neck and arms is treated to the best of toilet cream, which is rubbed in until the pores are protected from the substances which come after it—powder and rouge and colored cosmetic pencils.

That lasts to the close of the show, when the skin is thoroughly cleaned with toilet creams. Water would have no good effect upon it. Dirt cannot touch a skin cared for in that fashion, and in addition to cleanliness there are the feeding of the tissues by the cream and the stimulation from rubbing. Vacation time finds these habits so well fixed that they are not dropped, and then the world of careless women wonders why the women who work hard and keep late and irregular hours keep their freshness. —Boston Traveler.

## Worth While.

She—I should like to know what good your college education did you?  
He—Well, it taught me to owe a lot of money without being annoyed by it. —Life.

## CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of

W. D. Druggist



## SOUTH BETHEL.

There is much sickness in this vicinity.

We are glad to learn that the small pox patient is gaining very fast.

Mrs. Frank Cummings is improving a little.

On account of illness, Amos Barnett went to his home in Stoneham, last week, where he will remain until able to work again.

I. A. Cushman is hauling a few thousand feet of oak from Bird hill to Cummings' mill for Will Crockett of Locke Mills.

Amos King was home from West Paris last Sunday.

Mr. Eli Cushman is keeping bachelor's hall for a few weeks while his wife is in Canada.

Mrs. Mary Chandler is at J. S. Hutchins' for awhile.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Warranted to cure.

For sale by G. E. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

## NEWRY CORNER.

Mrs. Virgil Chapman is steadily gaining in health.

Mr. Charles Powers and assistant from Rumford Falls, have papered and painted his house throughout.

A. T. Lewis, agent for Calcium Light Co. of Springfield, Mass., was selling his goods here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Roxanna Bean made a short stay in town, last week, on her way from Andover to Bangor.

The Ladies' Union Circle met on Wednesday afternoon, January 14, with Mrs. H. S. Hastings to arrange matters for their annual sale and supper.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Brooks of Grafton, visited Bear River Grange Thursday.

The installation at Bear River Grange on Thursday was largely attended, and was a most enjoyable meeting. The newly elected officers for the coming year were installed by Past Master John Brown in his usual pleasing manner, assisted by C. W. Godwin. At noon a nice dinner was promptly served by the Sisters. The afternoon was devoted to reports of committees, business, and suggestions for the good of the order by Rev. W. H. Congdon and Mr. Ed Smith, followed by others.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. John Kimball attended Pomona Grange in Norway last week.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

## GILEAD.

Millard Carver is working for Mrs. D. C. Lary.

Henry Verrill of West Bethel was in town Saturday.

Lorin Trask of Newry has taken a lumbering job in town.

Winfield Lane of Oxford is clerking for J. W. Bennett.

Albert Lary from Shelburne was in town, Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Peabody of Shelburne, was in town last week.

Joseph Lary is staying for a season with his daughter, Mrs. James Gupitill, at West Bethel.

The Mountain Hills met with Mrs. A. L. Bennett on New Year's day. There were seventeen persons present besides the family.

D. L. Austin is perhaps no better but is quite comfortable, and helps himself in some respects better than during the summer months.

Jason Heath and sons, Ivan and Frank, have taken this fall and winter 29 foxes, 12 coons, 8 deer, 1 fisher cat and 1 skunk.

Mildred Bennett who spent the holidays with her parents, and was for a few days on the sick list, has returned to her school in Portland.

Rev. Mr. Bosworth gave us a very interesting and able discourse on the first Sunday of the new year from the text, "Thy will be done." The reorganization of the Sunday school made but a slight change in the list of officers and teachers.

## ANDOVER.

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave a baked bean supper and social on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, which was well attended; financial result very satisfactory. This society has had a re-election of officers with the following appointments:

President—Edmund Bailey.  
Vice President—Daniel W. Barnes.  
Secretary—Mrs. John Bailey.  
Treasurer—Sarah Bailey.  
Music Com.—Mrs. W. S. Newhall.  
Alice Poor, Eva Andrews, Helen Akers.  
Lookout Com.—A. M. Elliot, D. W. Barnes.

Prayer Meeting Com.—John Bailey, Edmund Bailey, Lavina Bailey.  
Flower Com.—Elizabeth Gregg.

Nathan Akers has gone to Waterville for a few days.

Miss Alice Poor is at Rumford Falls, the guest of Mrs. Charles Howe.

Mrs. Sarah Akers is visiting her son in Holyoke, Mass.

Mr. Clayton Swett has returned to Thayer's camp at the Lake, of which he has charge.

Mr. Wm. Cushman is making some pretty rustic furniture for E. V. W. Thayer's camp at the Lake.

The people are harvesting their ice which is quite thick.

Mrs. Merrill Harvey has gone to Lowell, Mass., to visit her daughter.

Rev. Samuel Holden from Ashland, Aroostook County, arrived Saturday. He is Dea. W. S. Newhall's guest and preached on Sunday from John 17: 4-6.

Mr. Lloyd Barnes has gone to the city for a few days.

Cabot Lodge, K. of P. had an installation on Friday evening, Jan. 6. Mr. Frank Hoyt of North Rumford was installing officer.

Ellis Glen Assembly of Sisterhood had an installation on Monday evening, Jan. 5.

Miss Florence Hoyt of North Rumford is visiting Miss Harriet Learned.

Mrs. Henry Mills has gone to Somerville, Mass., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Titus.

Messrs. Chas. Stevens and John Henry attended the meeting of Joseph L. Colby Post, G. A. R. at Rumford Center, Jan. 10.

Mr. Alcott Poor arrived home last week from visiting his brother in New Jersey.

Mr. Wm. Talbot is in poor health. He is over eighty years of age and has lost his eyesight, but can saw wood and do many kinds of work.

Miss Florence Perkins has had an attack of measles at Farmington, where she is attending school. Her mother is with her and will bring her home.

Miss Nellie Ripley has gone to Lawrence, Mass., for a visit.

Lone Mt. Grange had a meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10. This is the first meeting since the re-election of officers.

Mrs. L. F. Jones has closed her house and gone for the winter.

Fred Milton was at home last Sunday.

## Blue Stores.

We have at this time of year a larger stock of heavy weight goods than we want. Lots of Ulsters, Reefers, Reefer Vests, etc., just such goods as you want to keep you comfortable the rest of the winter and all right for next. We would much rather have the money to use, and get rid of these goods, so as to make room for our Spring and Summer line which is already bought. And we presume (if you only realized the comfort you might be getting out of one of our many Fur Coats, Lamb Lined Coats, etc.) you would rather have the goods (at the prices we are now selling them) than the money.

Now we want to make this proposition. If there is anything at all in our line that you are in want of come to our stores and we will guarantee you satisfaction. We have the goods that will please you.

F. H. NOYES CO.  
Norway, So. Paris.

Rugs, mats or carpets can be cleaned thoroughly by generously sprinkling on them yellow cornmeal that has been well dampened in clean soap suds or weak ammonia water. Sweep off in a few minutes.

To use oil of red cedar as a moth preventive pieces of cotton batting should be wet with the oil and placed in closets and drawn or tied in the mouths of bags holding garments or bedding.

## Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous. The thing to do is to help the system discharge the humors, and strengthen it against their return.

Hood's Sarsaparilla permanently cured J. G. Hines, Franks, Ill., of eczema, from which he had suffered for some time; and Miss Alvina Wolter, Box 214, Algona, Wis., of pimples on her face and back and chafed skin on her body, by which she had been greatly troubled. There are more testimonials in favor of this great medicine than can be published.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Don't put off treatment. Buy a bottle of Hood's today.

## The Persevering Fisherman.

If you will listen a bit, a yarn I will spin,  
Of the boy who fished with a nicely bent pin;  
He fished in the pond, he fished in the brooks,  
And when he was big, he had boughten hooks.

When he fished,  
As he sat on the log or rock on the bank,  
With his eye on the line, and his nerve trained to yank  
Should an unwary fish but just catch at his bait,—  
He'd get glimpses of fish so there he would wait.

But he fished.  
Other fisher-lads joyfully brought in their spoils,  
Their baskets well filled with fish for their toils;  
But yet never a fish did our fisherman land,  
Though he sat by the stream or stood on the sand.

As he fished.  
Not on every day did this fisherman brave  
In shady pool fish or from boat on the wave,  
But when he went fishing, he fished with a will,  
If water ran wildly or all was so still.

Where he fished.  
One day as he aimlessly wandered along,  
Not fishing at all, just then, but humming a song,  
He glanced in a fish-pond, and there full in sight,  
The fish he had dream'd of by day and night;

There he fished.  
The fish would nibble away the bait that he tried,  
But seemed to wish not to be baked or fried;  
Our fisherman patiently fished for that fish,  
Though good luck seemed not to come at his wish.

Still he fished.  
At last the fine fish hungrier seemed on one day,  
But our fisherman fished the same steady way,  
When with a great tug the bait sank from sight,  
The fisherman reeled in line with his might.

He had fished.  
Soon the great fish lay on the ground 'neath the skies,  
The best of all catches to our fisherman's eyes,  
Transcending all others for beauty and size,  
His long fished for fish, his wonderful prize.

For fishing.  
You boys who are entering the pathway of life,  
And expect to fish for fame, fortune or wife,  
If failure attends you, just think of the lad,  
His patience, the success he finally had.

In fishing.  
"W." Gilead.

## Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.  
Sold by druggists, price 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## The Rejected One.

"Let me see," remarks the ignorant personage, "Rime means frost, doesn't it?"  
"Mine usually does," replied the unsuccessful poet absentmindedly.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Teaming is very brisk as the sledding is fine.

Mrs. O. H. Saunders is much better, and able to be about her work. Harry McNally has his ice put in at the Grover farm he bought last fall.

George Grover has moved his family to the Town House Corner, but they are still on the Valley Road.

W. R. Rice was down from his camp Sunday.

Carter Grover is sick with sore throat and rheumatism.

Mrs. A. S. Cole is confined to her room, but is a little better.

"Aunt Charlotte" Cummings has recovered sufficiently to be down stairs.

Mrs. C. A. Grover returned from her visit to her home in Hyde Park, Mass., last Thursday.

R. M. Grange held their installation the 3d. The officers were installed by Past Master W. B. Cummings, assisted by Sister Alma Judkins, and Past Master L. L. Kimball. The officers are:

M.—Roy G. Wardwell.  
O.—W. I. Beckler.  
L.—A. E. K. Grover.  
S.—E. T. Judkins.  
A. S.—Geo. Cummings.  
Chap.—Nancy Andrews.  
T.—J. A. Kimball.  
Sec.—Lilla C. Cummings.  
G. K.—W. E. Cummings.  
P.—Viola Cummings.  
F.—Inez Bean.  
C.—Ella Cummings.  
L. A. S.—Dora Beckler.

The occasion was much enjoyed as it seemed like a large family party.

C. A. Wiley of Bethel was at Geo. E. Grover's, Monday.

Apple packers are at Geo. Cummings'.

Henry Brown is calling on friends in this vicinity.

The circle will be at the vestry Jan. 15. The program is a general one; everybody is invited, and all who will, contribute to the program, and it will be much appreciated. In four weeks the young men entertain.

Mrs. Austin Hutchinson is reported as much improved.

The church people are working hard to get funds to pay for preaching.

## CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

## BRYANT POND.

A whist party was given Saturday night by Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Billings at Grange Hall; there were nine tables. Mrs. Jennie Lurvey won the first prize and Miss Ada Briggs the booby prize. Twelve games were played after which a treat of candy was served, followed by dancing. All enjoyed a very pleasant time, and joined in hoping it might be repeated in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearson with Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Peverley and Master Edward, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reed at West Paris, Sunday.

Miss Mamie Stevens is at home.

Mr. Fred Hilborn was in town recently.

West Paris Grange will be guests of Franklin Grange Jan. 17.

Mr. George Stevens representing Cressey, Jones & Allen, of Portland, has been in town quite recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Elliott visited at J. E. Hathaway's, Sunday.

The buildings of Ronello Davis were burned Sunday night.

Born, Jan. 6, to Master Guy and Miss Bessie Cole, a sister. (Doris Sarah.)

## The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism 'twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

## We Hear Much of the Coal and Wood Question

And it is indeed a perplexing problem at the present time, but the readers of these columns may be assured that this much discussed problem may be very much simplified by using

## BECKWITH'S Round Oak Stoves

The old adage, "A penny saved is a penny earned," was never any truer than it is to-day, and this principle applies equally well to your fuel question.

## You Can Save Wood

By using a BECKWITH stove, and every cord saved is at least \$6.00 earned.

Try It and Be Convinced.

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## YOUNG PEOPLE.

## A Boy Wanted.

Wanted—a boy that is manly,  
A boy that is kind and polite,  
A boy you can always depend on  
To do what he knows to be right.  
A boy that is truthful and honest  
And faithful and willing to work.  
But we have not a place we care to dis-  
grace

With a boy that is ready to shirk.  
Wanted—a boy you can tie to,  
A boy that is trusty and true,  
A boy that is good to old people  
And kind to the little ones too.  
A boy that is nice to the home folks  
And pleasant to sister and brother,  
A boy who will try when things go awry  
To be helpful to father and mother.  
These are the boys who are wanted  
In the workshop, the home and the  
store;

The world needs such boys in its busi-  
ness,  
For them there are places galore.  
These are the boys we depend on—  
Our hope for the future, and then  
Grave problems of State and the world's  
work await  
Such boys when they grow to be men.  
—Lizzie Clarke Hardy.

## Paul Macy's New Year.

A bright fire was crackling and  
sparkling in the grate of a little  
crimson parlor. It was having a  
good time all to itself, playing  
over the warm colors of the room  
and flashing upon the books and  
pictures, when the hall door was  
pushed open and a dark-haired lad  
entered with a book in his hand.

He ensconced himself in lux-  
urious ease in a great chair by a  
window, and, opening his book be-  
gan to read. The book was Dick-  
ens' interesting story of "David  
Copperfield." It had a great fasci-  
nation for the boy, and he was  
soon so completely absorbed in the  
fortunes of little Davy that he did  
not think of anything else.

By and by he heard his name in  
the hallway, "Paul! Paul Macy!"  
He was just then reading where  
poor Davy was running away from  
Murdstone and Grinby's to go  
to his great aunt's in the coun-  
try. "I wonder what she wants?"  
he muttered impatiently. But he  
did not answer, nor did he when  
he heard his mother's voice the  
second time.

Pretty soon the door was open-  
ed and his mother looked within.  
As Paul was completely buried in  
the recess of the great chair, and  
that chair was standing back to  
the door, and she did not see him,  
she closed the door again.

Paul's face flushed guiltily at the  
thought of his deception, but he  
turned again to his book and  
speedily lost himself in the de-  
lightful narrative.

An hour afterward the door  
opened again and a pair of "small,  
dancing feet" came into the parlor.  
This time it was Maud, his pretty  
little sister, with her curly hair  
blown about, her cheeks aglow,  
and her dark eyes sparkling with  
pleasure.

As soon as she caught sight of  
her brother she gave utterance to  
an exclamation of surprise.

"Why, Paul! You here? Mother  
was looking for you here an hour  
ago and could not find you."

"I was busy reading, I suppose,"  
said Paul, blushing to his temples.  
"Oh, Paul, you must have  
heard," said his sister, "and she  
wanted you so much."

Paul felt like a criminal all day,  
and could not look his mother in  
the face. He had deceived her;  
he had acted a lie, and he had  
practically been guilty of disobe-  
dience. Even the interesting ad-  
ventures of Master Copperfield  
could not altogether still the voice  
of conscience. He imagined that  
his mother knew all, and her grave,  
sorrowful face smote him more  
than anything she could have said.

Two or three days afterward as  
Mr. Macy was getting ready to go  
to his office, Paul followed him  
into the hall. "Father," he said very  
humbly, "I wish you would grant  
me a favor."

"What is it, my son?" asked Mr.  
Macy, kindly.

## Dizzy?

Then your liver isn't acting  
well. You suffer from bilious-  
ness, constipation. Ayer's  
Pills act directly on the liver.  
For 60 years they have been  
the Standard Family Pill.  
Small doses cure.

Want your mountings or book? Beautiful  
brown or rich black. The  
**BUCKINGHAM'S DYE** works  
50 cts. of Dyeing, or 10 cts. of 100, 100, 100, 100.



## Can't Stand It.

Constant backache—  
Tired all the time.  
Nerves on edge.  
Distressing urinary troubles.  
Hard to keep up  
With any kidney ills.

## Doan's Kidney Pills

Relieve the aches of a bad  
back promptly—cure all  
Kidney and Bladder troubles.

Mr. J. E. H. Townsend, of Townsend  
Bros., carriage manufacturers, of 19 Jeff-  
erson street, Bedford, Me., says: "We used  
Doan's Kidney Pills in our family, and  
found them a most valuable remedy. There  
are so many useless remedies on the market  
that when one is found which experience  
proves does what is claimed for it, it is a  
pleasure to endorse that preparation. I  
procured Doan's Kidney Pills at John Ber-  
ry's drug store, under Hotel Thatcher, and  
the satisfactory results obtained warrants  
me in making the above statement."

Doan's Kidney Pills sold at all drug  
stores; 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buf-  
falo, N. Y.

"It is this, father," said Paul,  
proceeding at once to business  
with boyish directness; "to-mor-  
row is New Year's, and I think  
you promised me a set of Dickens.  
Now, I would like the money, if  
you will let me have it to spend  
myself."

"Ah, ha! You have an eye to  
business," said his father with a  
smile. "Well, the money is to be  
spent for you, and if you prefer to  
spend it yourself I see no reason  
why I should refuse you. But  
don't let the dealers cheat you."

And he took a roll of bills from  
his pocket and placed a number of  
them in Paul's hands.

As the children were together  
that afternoon in the library an  
express left a package for Master  
Paul Macy. Mrs. Macy was out,  
and so the children carried the  
box very carefully into the  
room, where it was opened.

"What can it be?" asked Maud  
wonderingly.

"I'll tell you," said Paul confi-  
dentially, as he sat on an oblong  
mahogany box with a queer glass top  
on the table and stopped back to  
look at it. It's an aquarium I  
bought for mother with the money  
I was to buy a set of Dickens  
with."

"Oh, the pretty gold fish and the  
shells and the plants and the sea-  
monsters!" exclaimed Maud, as she  
stood on tiptoe and looked through  
the glass.

"I am glad you like it," said  
Paul, "and I hope mother will.  
Ever since that day, Maud, when I  
was in the parlor reading 'David  
Copperfield,' and mother called  
me and I did not answer, I have  
felt so ashamed! I was getting  
real mean and selfish, and as our  
teacher said New Year's was a  
good time to make new determina-  
tions and begin a new life, I made  
up my mind to begin to-day. Then  
I wanted mother to know how  
sorry I was for being so naughty,  
so I bought this aquarium for her,  
and she has long wanted one, and  
I am going to tell her all about it."

Maud kissed him on the cheek.  
"It is hard to be good always,  
Paul," she said, "but if we pray  
God to help us I think we can do  
better than we do."

"We will try," said Paul.  
The next morning Paul had a  
servant carry the aquarium and a  
note he had written to his moth-  
er's room. Mrs. Macy opened and  
read the epistle, which was as fol-  
lows:

"Dear Mother:—I hope you will  
forgive me for being so mean and  
wicked the other day when you  
wanted me to help you. I am  
very, very sorry, and am going to  
try, with God's help, to do better.  
I bought this with the money  
Papa was going to get my Dickens  
with, but I shall feel better to  
know it is spent in this way. Do  
please forgive your little boy, who  
does not mean to be naughty any  
more. Paul."

Of course she forgave him, and  
between her smiles and tears and  
kisses Paul was made to feel quite  
like himself again. He kept his  
New Year's resolve. Christmas

he found a nice blue and gilt  
edition of Dickens on his table  
to inscribed "Paul Macy, from his  
mother, for his dutiful and faithful  
behavior."—Exchange.

## Girls as Glass-Blowers.

The first and only girl glass-  
blowers in the world are working  
patiently and carefully day by  
day in a unique establishment  
near Philadelphia. Experiments  
have proved to the satisfaction of  
the owners of the plant that intel-  
ligent girls make the very best of  
workers in glass. They have a  
delicacy of touch and a dexterity  
which make them especially fitted  
for expertness.

Ever since the Venetians placed  
glass-blowers on a high level, the  
mysteries of the profession have  
been carefully guarded. Girls were  
not only debarred from becoming  
workers, but were not even allowed  
to enter the shops. It was left  
to our country to show that young  
women may become dangerous  
rivals of the Old World glass-blow-  
ers.

The building where the girls  
work is of very artistic design, and  
the surroundings are pleasant.  
Everything possible is done to  
make the labor congenial and at-  
tract a class of workers of refine-  
ment and intelligence. It is this  
sort of thing that is needed to pro-  
vide employment for many young  
women of good breeding.

## A Word to the Older Girls.

One very difficult matter has  
come under my observation: Very  
busy young women, being very  
tired and having often late hours  
during the week, feel justified in  
taking Sunday for their own needs,  
and only make the difference be-  
tween the holy-day and other  
days, by working for themselves.  
To avoid this requires two things:  
The giving up of hours of amuse-  
ment, to such personal needs, and  
the restricting of the wardrobe to  
such simplicity as to require lit-  
tle or no time for ornament. Here  
again is a place where the will  
must work until it triumphs over  
obstacles. Systematic use of one  
evening hour of each day, or one  
hour very early in the morning,  
may solve the problem. Even one  
hour systematically and regularly  
set aside for such things, will ac-  
complish wonders. If all other ef-  
forts fail, it is plain duty to  
change your employment. I have  
yet to see the individual life or  
the home prosper where the day  
of rest was disregarded. It may  
look fair to the world, but the  
richest home is poor if it has lost  
this blessing, and the poorest is  
deprived of its chief joy.

Let it be like a treasure you de-  
fend, this gift of the seventh day  
in which to be happy. When  
you are robbed of it you lose a  
blessing—that "blessing which  
maketh rich"—you lose refresh-  
ment to your bodies; you give up  
the opportunity of sweet, peace-  
ful hours in the purest atmos-  
phere of life and light which ex-  
ists on earth; you fail to accept  
the delight of being glad in all the  
things dearest to a girl's heart,  
time to be at leisure within your  
Heavenly Father's house, and  
freedom to gladden your earthly  
house and friends by your loving  
endeavors.

And if a girl, herself a Christian,  
can by her gentle power of love  
win from her lover, the, to him,  
anointed good, of paying his hom-  
age to the unremembered Source  
of their happiness, how delightful  
is the sense of being together in  
God's house, as everywhere else,  
and knowing that she has been  
the magnet which drew him to  
this holy place. Oh, if girls only  
could realize their power and re-  
sponsibility in regard to their  
lovers, how firmly would they  
hold fast to all that was ennobling  
and good; for just in proportion  
as a man sees in his sweetheart  
something that he reverences, and  
that stands to him for goodness  
and purity, does his heart hold her  
dearer and cleave to her more  
steadfastly. The giving up of  
what her own heart feels is duty,  
especially a duty to God or her  
family, because her lover finds  
chance in her to want all her  
spare time for himself, lowers her  
in his true esteem, and in after  
days he will never have that abid-  
ing trust and confidence in her, as  
wife and mother, that he would  
have had he found her adherence  
to duty inflexible in the days of  
her girlhood.

## WIT AND WISDOM.

## HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF.

It was in the Hotel Exchange,  
the other day, says the Lewiston  
Journal, and a well-known man  
from South Paris was at the long-  
distance telephone.

"I want to talk to Portland,"  
said he.

There was the usual delay in  
getting the long-distance operator.

"What do you want?" came back  
the inquiry.

"I want Portland."

"Who are you?"

"I am Joe Jones."

"Whom do you want?"

"I want ———."

"Where are you?"

"At Hotel Exchange, Lewiston."

"What are you, i. e., who are  
you?" said the operator, evidently  
seeking to fix the responsibility  
for the expense.

Mr. Jones tried to reply, and  
there was a decided delay and  
some little fun in the office over  
the conversation.

Mr. Jones got tired of waiting  
and finally rang up the central  
again.

"I am Joe Jones," said he, at a  
good loud pitch, of the voice. "I  
live in South Paris. I am a com-  
mercial traveler; five feet eight  
inches in height; weigh a little  
over 150; am cock-eyed and one  
front tooth is gone. NOW MAY I  
HAVE PORTLAND?"

"It was almost a miracle: Bur-  
dock Blood Bitters cured me of a  
terrible breaking out all over the  
body. I am very grateful." Miss  
Julia Filbridge, West Cornwall,  
Conn.

Crimsonback—"My wife is the  
greatest woman for changin'  
things around I ever saw."

Yeast—"What's wrong now?"

"Why, I never can find the key-  
hole in the front door the same  
place two nights in succession."

"Cure the cough and save the  
life." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine  
Syrup cures cough and colds, down  
to the very verge of consumption.

Greene—"I don't see as the world  
has improved greatly since the  
first of January."

Gray—"The only wonder is that  
it isn't a great deal worse, consid-  
ering the wear and tear of new res-  
olutions."

Don't let the little ones suffer  
from eczema, or other torturing  
skin diseases. No need for it.  
Doan's Ointment cures. Can't  
harm the most delicate skin. At  
any drug store, 50 cents.

"Of course," said the youth who  
was in love, "two can live as  
cheaply as one."

"Perhaps," replied his wise fath-  
er, "but I never knew them to do  
it."

Monarch over pain. Burns, cuts,  
sprains, stings. Instant relief.  
Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any  
drug store.

Tom—"Do you notice any differ-  
ence in your sister Kate since her  
engagement?"

Dick—"Oh, yes. She seldom  
wears a glove on her left hand  
now, and her back hair always  
wants attention from that hand."

## Croup.

The peculiar cough which indi-  
cates croup is usually well known  
to the mothers of croupy children.  
No time should be lost in the treat-  
ment of it, and for this purpose no  
medicine has received more uni-  
versal approval than Chamber-  
lain's Cough Remedy. Do not  
waste valuable time in experi-  
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ter how highly they may be recom-  
mended, but give this medicine  
as directed and all symptoms of  
croup will quickly disappear.

For sale by G. E. Wiley, Bethel;  
E. L. Tabbets, Locke Mills; J. W.  
Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison,  
West Bethel.

Miss Gabbie—"And she accused  
me of retelling gossip about the  
neighborhood!"

Miss Sharpe—"The idea!"

Miss Gabbie—"Positively insult-  
ing, isn't she?"

Miss Sharp—"Yes, for you're  
really a wholesaler."

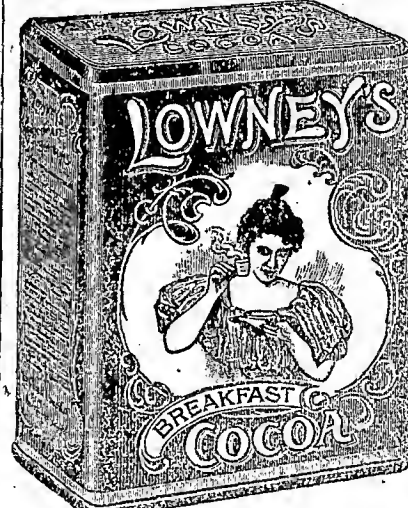
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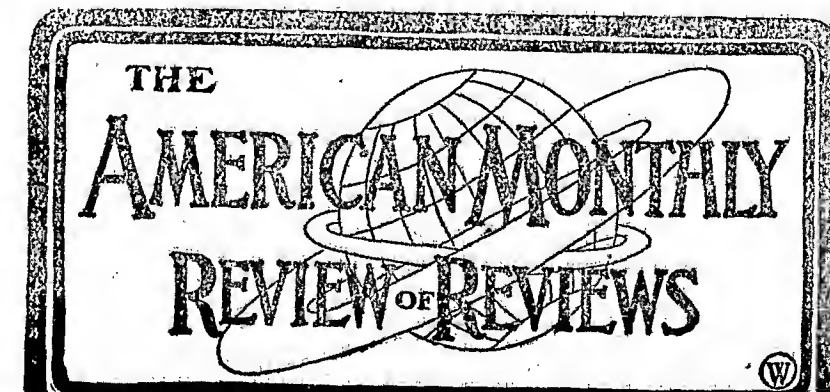
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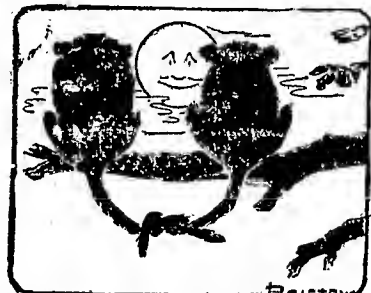


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### Governor Hill's Annual Message.

#### STATE PRISON.

There are one hundred and eighty-three inmates of the state prison at the close of the year. Forty-seven have been admitted during the past year; fifty-two have been discharged. Forty-seven have died. On account of the advance in price of nearly all food products, there has been a considerable increase in the cost of maintaining the subsistence department, but on the whole the prison has made a fair showing and will not require so large an appropriation as two years ago.

Only four of these convicts are women, but I am convinced that this institution should have a matron, whose duty it shall be to take immediate charge of female prisoners. The state is not doing its whole duty in this respect, and I trust you will take some action to place this department of the prison on a right and proper basis.

#### MAINE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

During the past two years the attendance at the Maine school for the deaf has largely increased, and the school has made most commendable progress and advancement in every way. Ninety-two pupils are now in attendance, nearly every country in the state being represented. Nine teachers give instruction, and the course includes all the regular branches. Industrial training is also given, the girls being taught sewing, cooking and the various duties of the household, while the boys are instructed in the working, glazing, painting, printing and cobbling.

This institution is well managed, and its needs should receive your careful consideration.

#### MAINE MILITARY AND NAVAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

There are sixty-eight children in the Bethel military and naval orphan asylum, of whom thirty-seven are boys and thirty-one are girls. They are from four to fifteen years of age and all attend the public schools of the city.

This institution is doing good work, and its management is worthy of the highest commendation.

#### STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

A proper classification of the one hundred and forty-five boys in the state reform school requires the building of two additional cottages modeled upon the same general plan as the already existing ones. Eighty-five of these boys live in a central building, which was erected about fifty years ago. This structure should be thoroughly renovated to meet the present requirements of the institution. It is unfortunate that so many of these poor children should thus be congregated together, as it is practically impossible to separate those of vicious tendencies and criminal instincts from those who have committed only trifling offenses and who are simply the victims of poverty and misfortune. It is neither right nor just that the present institution should be termed a reform school and that its inmates, who are only children, should be stigmatized as criminals. Nor should the time they spend here be termed imprisonment. The school should bear some more appropriate name, and that the needs of this school will require your most careful consideration, and that you will grant a sufficient appropriation to meet its reasonable requirements.

#### MAINE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

There are one hundred and forty-eight girls under the care of the Maine Industrial School for Girls. Of these sixty-nine are at the school, and the remainder have been placed in homes in different parts of the state. During the past year twenty-one girls have been admitted, fifteen have come from the state reformatory, and six have been discharged. The trustees of the school ask that some provision be made for the maintenance of the school, seven in all, our annual appropriation for the care of such children in the Massachusetts House of Correction, which is being insufficient for that purpose. I am sure that an institution so worthy of public support will receive the most careful consideration at your hands, and that you will grant such appropriation as may be reasonably necessary for its support and maintenance.

#### CONCLUSION.

I have endeavored briefly to present to you a comprehensive review of state affairs. The reports of the various departments and of the officers of the different state institutions will give you in detail an account of their work. The sums set apart for their support have been ample for the requirements, as a rule, and I trust no new provision will be made unless the state is fully satisfied, after the most thorough examination and careful consideration, that the best interests of the state require it. Not a dollar should be wasted or unnecessarily expended, but the same careful, prudent management which characterizes the administration of every successful private enterprise should be exercised in conducting the business of the state.

There should be no shadow of doubt as to the exact intent and meaning of every measure proposed for enactment. Every provision of the law should be absolutely plain and clear. The utmost care should also be exercised in scrutinizing the constitutionality of all contemplated legislation. It is always a source of trouble when a statute is found to be inconsistent with the organic law after the people have given to it their assent. As the trustees of the school, for a brief time having their interests in charge, let us see to it that they have no just cause to distrust our motives, or our desire to discharge our duties in a manner that will promote their welfare and merit their approbation.

The approval of our own judgment and conscience, the knowledge that our management of public matters receives the commendation of unprejudiced, fair-minded men, is the highest and best reward that we can receive for the time we devote to the public service. Resolutely and fearlessly let us determine to do what our duty, unmoved by any consideration save a fixed purpose to labor devotedly for the upbuilding of every interest of our beloved state and for the permanent welfare of all its people.

#### Queer Japanese Custom.

In some villages in Japan robbers are tried and convicted by ballot. Whenever a robbery is committed the ruler of the hamlet summons the entire male population and requests them to write on a slip of paper the name of the person they suspect as having committed the crime. The one receiving the largest number of ballots is declared duly "elected" and is accordingly hanged. This system, like all others, has its peculiar advantages. It insures the punishment of somebody for every robbery committed, whereas under the system in vogue in most civilized countries in nine cases out of ten no punishment is inflicted on anybody for the crime. Of course they may not "elect" the guilty person, but dispose of some other character equally bad.

#### Old Violins.

The old time viol was the first instrument of its kind and furnished the plan for the modern violin, which, however, is 700 years old. It is said that Charles II. introduced it into England. One of the finest makers of violins was Stradivarius of Cremona, who existed in the early part of the eighteenth century. Violins made by him are worth thousands of dollars now and are highly esteemed by collectors and performers.

#### His Lucky Draw.

Tenspot—You should have seen the pair Harker held last night. Try—I thought he had given up poker since his marriage? Tenspot—He has. He was holding his twins.—Chicago News.

### WHAT IS WEIGHT?

A Simple Lesson in Science That Boys and Girls Can Understand.

The common notion of weight is that it is the heaviness of a body, but while we have a clear perception of what that means it does not fully explain the question. Perhaps it might be well to get right down to the bottom of the matter, which we can do in a few words.

When we drop a ball, it falls to the earth, and we say that it falls because of its weight. That is partly but not wholly true. The distinction is a fine one, but it must be made to make us thoroughly understand the point. The ball falls because it is attracted to the earth by gravitation, a force that pervades the universe. The tendency of a body to approach the earth's surface is called gravity. Now, when a body is held up or prevented from following the impulse of gravity it presses on whatever holds or supports it more or less strongly, according to the force with which it is attracted. This downward pressure of resistance to gravity is what is known as weight—the measure of the force with which a body is drawn toward the earth.

If, therefore, the earth contained twice as much matter as it now contains it would have twice as great an attraction for a body, and as the body would have twice as much gravity to resist in falling it would have twice as much weight.

The weight of a body is greatest of course at the surface of the earth, and it diminishes by a regular law in going above the surface and descending below it. A body that weighs 1,000 pounds at the surface would weigh only 750 pounds at a distance of 1,000 miles below the surface. At a distance of 2,000 miles below it would weigh 500 pounds. At a distance of 3,000 miles below it would weigh 250 pounds, and at the center, 4,000 miles below, it would weigh nothing.

Ascending from the surface the rule is different—the weight diminishes as the square of the distance from the center increases. An object that weighs 1,000 pounds at the surface, for example, will weigh only 250 pounds at a distance of 2,000 miles above the surface, which is 8,000 miles above the center, or, in other words, twice the surface distance. At three times the surface distance it will weigh one-ninth the surface weight, at four times the surface distance one-sixteenth the surface weight and at five times the surface distance one-twenty-fifth the surface weight.

At a distance of 20,000 miles above the center of the earth, therefore, an object that weighs 1,000 pounds at the surface will weigh only forty pounds. If elevated to a height of 240,000 miles, the distance of the moon from the earth, it would weigh less than five ounces.

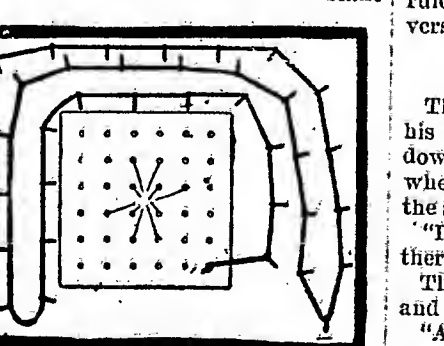
But an object does not weigh the same at all points of the earth's surface. Suppose we find an object at the poles that weighs 1,000 pounds and carry it to the equator. There we should find that it weighed only 995 pounds.

There are two reasons for this. First, the equatorial diameter is about twenty-six and a half miles greater than the polar diameter, and the object would therefore be farther from the center and subject to less attraction. Then the centrifugal force is greater at the equator, and this tends to counteract the downward attraction, thus making the weight less.

The scientists tell us that if the earth rotated on its axis seventeen times faster than it does now the centrifugal force at the equator would wholly counteract gravity, and objects would have no weight, and a still greater increase of rotation would result in everything being thrown off the surface into space.

#### Peg and Rope Puzzle.

Several small blocks and a cord divided into a number of parts form the puzzle which is shown in the accompanying picture. The blocks are arranged in equidistant parallel rows, and the various parts of the cord correspond in number with the blocks and are distant



#### PUT THE PEGS IN THE HOLES.

from them the length of a diagonal line of a rectangle which is formed by six or more of the blocks. Finally, in the blocks are holes, and secured to the various parts of the cord are pins which are designed for the purpose of remaining fast in the holes when they are in proper position.

The puzzle consists in so manipulating the various parts of the cord that each part will be brought in contact with its corresponding block. A novice may fancy that it is easy to fasten the pins in the holes, but a trial will soon convince him that it is quite a difficult undertaking.

#### How Careful He Was.

Kenneth has been to the dentist's. The dentist is a friend of his, and Kenneth knew that he would not hurt him if he could help it. The dentist was very careful, but it was a back tooth, and in spite of his precautions he hurt Kenneth a good deal.

"Well," said Kenneth that night at the supper table, "the dentist was careful. Anyhow," he added as he thought of how much it had hurt—"anyhow, he was as careful—as careful as—as he was!"

### THE FER-DE-LANCE.

His Terrible Bite Often Causes Death in a Few Moments.

The terrible fer-de-lance will strike again and again and is the cause of great mortality where he exists, causing death often in a few moments. Over the whole earth there is none to compare with him except the notorious cobra of India. Although not a water snake, he is fond of the river and flat lands in its vicinity, seldom being met with in the hills. This denizen of the reedy swamp and sedgy river banks is found over the whole north of the South American continent as well as in the islands of Trinidad, St. Lucia and Martinique. He is truly the evil genius of the two latter, where deaths from his bite form a high percentage every year.

In Martinique especially it is necessary oftentimes in some districts to burn the cornfields so as to destroy these snakes before the negroes dare enter to cut the canes. On one estate thirty-seven fer-de-lances were killed on a piece of ground containing eleven acres.

Of a dull yellowish or clay tinted ground color, he is ringed with irregular, blackish bands, narrowing toward the back and broadening downward. This arrangement of coloring makes him extremely difficult to discern on the flat alluvial lands where the sun baked clay, mixed with the blackened color of sticks rotten and water soaked, makes a carpet of a color with his coat. He is from five to seven feet in length, as thick as a man's wrist, with a flat triangular head.

#### An Odd Barometer.

A common leech makes a good barometer. Fill a tumbler half full with water, put the leech into it and tie a piece of muslin over the top to keep the leech from getting out. All you have to do to find out what sort of weather we are going to have is to watch the little animal.

For example, when the day is to be fine the leech will remain at the bottom of the glass, coiled up in spiral shape and quite motionless. If rain may be expected, it will creep to the top of the glass and stay there until it clears off.

If the leech twists itself and is very restless, there is going to be a wind-storm. If it keeps out of the water for several days, look out for a thunder-storm.

The indications for frosty weather are the same as for fine and for snow the same as for rain. In fact, a leech is almost as good a forecaster as the weather man himself.

#### A Comedy of Errors.

When Baron Haussmann went to Constantinople on a visit to Abdul Aziz, who was then sultan, he had an interview with the grand vizier, who did not know a word of French. At the beginning of the interview the old long Turkish pipes were brought in, and then Baron Haussmann began making a very long speech in French. The grand vizier could not understand a word, but listened most attentively till he noticed that his pipe had gone out and clapped his hand for a servant to come and relight it. Haussmann, thinking he was applauding, rushed toward him with outstretched hand, intending to shake hands and thank him. The grand vizier, seeing his hand put forth, shook it warmly and said "Goodby," under the impression it was Haussmann's intention to leave, and quitted the room.

#### The "Ear of Dionysius."

A cunningly constructed prison cavern, consisting of a large chamber connected with one of smaller dimensions, situated near Syracuse, Italy, has gone into legendary history with the title of the "Ear of Dionysius." The smaller chamber was unknown to the prisoners kept in this underground dungeon, and the tyrant by whose name it is known had a habit of secreting himself there to listen to the conversation of the convicts, who were mostly political offenders. An ingenious device constructed at the smaller end of the larger chamber transmitted the sounds through the partition, thus enabling the suspicious ruler to hear even the whispered conversations of his "suspects."

#### Something to Shoot.

The other day a solitary sportsman, his gun under his arm, was wandering down a country lane in Inverness-shire when he met a small boy making for the school.

"I say, my boy," he remarked, "is there anything to shoot down here?" The boy looked around for a moment and then answered with eagerness: "Aye, there's a skulmalster comin' ower the hill!"—London Answers.

#### The Giraffe.

The children had written compositions on the giraffe. They were reading them aloud to the class. At last the time came for little Willie to read his. It was as follows: "The giraffe is a dumb animal and cannot express itself by any sound because its neck is so long its voice gets tired on its way to its mouth."

#### Little Latitude.

"I suppose a man has to be pretty careful in order to hold his job," said the talkative passenger.

"Yes," assented the conductor sadly. "If I knock a fare down, the company kicks, and if I knock a passenger down he reports me."—New York Times.

#### Artistic Improvement.

Hicks—That picture of D'Amber's that you bought at the exhibition looks better in your study than it did there somehow.

Wicks—Yes. I have hung it the other side up.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

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